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Judge postpones Lahey court case



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Police searching for Hyde's spouse

MISSING The common-law wife of Howard Hyde was reported missing late yesterday afternoon by Halifax Regional Police.

Police issued a release around 4:30 p.m. asking for the public's help in locating 51-year-old Karen Kormanaski.

Kormanaski, who also uses the surnames Ellet or Usher, testified recently at the high-profile fatality inquiry of her common-law husband. Hyde died on Nov. 22, 2007, after a brief struggle with guards at the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility.



Karen Kormanaski

Kormanaski was last seen on the evening of Oct. 29. So far, police say there are no indications she was a victim of foul play. Police spokeswoman Theresa Rath would not confirm her connection to Hyde. Kormanaski is described as five-foot-eight and 165 pounds with long, dark brown hair. Anyone with information is asked to contact Halifax Regional Police at 490-5016.

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Curlers Halifax prepares to host the Brier



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Curlers Brad Gushue, left, and Russ Howard pose for a photo with the Brier Tankard alongside Premier Darrell Dexter at Province House yesterday. Gushue and Howard were on a promotional tour with the Tankard. Halifax will host the 2010 Tim Hortons Brier in March. Story, page 12.

Doubting Dexter

Premier's election health-care promises come under fire

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Senior bureaucrats cast doubt on two key NDP health-care promises yesterday.

During the election campaign in the spring the NDP promised to keep all rural ERs open as well as open up the Cobequid Community Health Centre in Sackville 24 hours a day.

Yesterday Cobequid Centre vice-president Barbara Hall said they are currently only looking to extend service by an hour or two, rather than round the clock.

"Whether it should immediately go to 24/7, I'm not sure about that," Hall said. "But I think we really should be looking at can we keep the centre open for a few more hours in the evening."

"It's not going to be an easy thing to do. But this is what we're dedicated to. It's a commitment we made."
Premier Darrell Dexter

Deputy health minister Kevin McNamara said some rural ERs may also have to be closed to provide service. He pointed to a possible merger between two ERs in Digby and Annapolis.

"They're in a situation where they don't have a staff to keep both going and they're very close together," he said. "How do you come up with a system to ensure care for the individuals in those communities?"

Opposition parties pounced on the comments, saying the government had made promises it can't keep.

"We'd all like to say that all emergency rooms stay open all the time. That is what people want to hear," said Liberal health critic Diana Whalen. "I think they were being flippant almost in doing that because they hadn't done their research."

Former Tory health minister Chris d'Entremont said the NDP has been "making promises they can't keep."

Premier Darrell Dexter said the NDP has not abandoned its promises. He said the government is still working on fixing the rural ER problem that has "haunted health departments" for years, but it won't happen overnight.

"What (McNamara) said is that it's very difficult and it will take time," Dexter said. "That's exactly what we've been saying right from the very beginning.

"It's not going to be an easy thing to do. But this is what we're dedicated to. It's a commitment we made."

H1N1 only flu strain appearing in hospitals

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MEDICAL Health officials haven't detected a single case of seasonal influenza in the province this flu season, meaning every lab-confirmed case of flu has also been a lab-confirmed case of H1N1.

"H1N1 is the only flu strain we are currently seeing," said Nova Scotia's deputy chief medical officer of health Maureen Baikie.

Baikie spent over an hour yesterday going over the latest numbers released by the Department of Health, representing the week of Oct. 25-31.



Dr. Robert Strang

During those seven days, Baikie said, a total of 226 people were diagnosed with the virus, compared to 126 the week before.

The percentage of emergency room visits for influenza-like illness also increased dramatically last week — up to 15.4 per cent from 3.7 per cent the week before — and family doctors reported they were seeing almost double the number of patients with flu-like symptoms.

"I don't see anything that surprises me," Baikie said of these latest statistics.

According to the province's chief medical officer, Dr. Robert Strang, people aged 10 to 19 are catching the virus in the greatest numbers, but usually display mild symptoms, and because of this aren't considered high risk.

The total number of confirmed cases of H1N1 in the province since April currently sits at 959.

So far, just 42 people have been hospitalized and only one person has died of H1N1 in Nova Scotia.

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Smoking ban on town-owned playgrounds

Smoking is no longer permitted on town-owned playgrounds in Truro. An amendment to the town's no-smoking bylaw passed second and final reading this week. The bylaw was initially passed in January to make it illegal to smoke on Inglis Place. The town introduced amendments to curb smoking on playgrounds owned by the town. A playground is defined as an area used by children for outdoor play or recreation, containing items such as swings, slides and seesaws. Violating the bylaw could result in a fine between $100 and $1,000. TRURO DAILY NEWS

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School absenteeism continues to rise

ATTENDANCE The number of Halifax-area schools reporting high levels of absenteeism continues to climb, bringing the total to 83 out of 137 schools.

According to Halifax Regional School Board spokesman Doug Hadley, 18 extra schools reported Tuesday that an unusual number of students were staying home. He added, however, that some of the schools that were first to report are now back to near-normal attendance levels.

Overall, 17 per cent of students and 13 per cent of teachers in the HRSB were absent on Tuesday. Public health officials have urged those exhibiting flu-like symptoms to stay home. METRO HALIFAX

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Wayne Thomas, right, CUPE acute-care co-ordinator, answers a question at a press conference as Karen MacKenzie, chair of the union's bargaining committee, and CUPE Nova Scotia president Danny Cavanagh listen at the Citadel Halifax hotel yesterday. Hospital workers outside the Halifax area will delay possible strike action until January to help with the H1N1 pandemic.

Health workers to delay strike action

Flu Outbreak

LABOUR Hospital workers in districts outside Halifax say they won't go on strike before early next year due to Nova Scotia's efforts to combat the swine flu.

Some locals of the Canadian Union of Public Employees will be in a legal strike position as of Nov. 17.

Karen MacKenzie, chair of the union's bargaining committee, said yesterday that health workers want to reassure the public that while they may take strike votes beginning today, it won't lead to an immediate walkout of the 3,300 workers.

MacKenzie, an X-ray technician at Colchester Regional Hospital in Truro, said her union wouldn't do anything to harm public health.

"We want to ease some of the concerns and fears the public may have about us withdrawing our services in this second phase of the H1N1 pandemic," she said.

The bargaining unit represents five locals at 33 hospitals in rural Nova Scotia and is seeking wage parity with workers who do similar jobs in Halifax-area hospitals.

The union's bargaining team said it wouldn't impose a strike until Jan. 11 and will assess whether the H1N1 pandemic is under control before any walkout goes ahead.

MacKenzie said that "should allow us to get through the second wave of the pandemic."

"At that point, we'll reassess the situation we're in."

The union represents workers in job categories that include dieticians, X-ray technicians, cleaners, ward clerks, pharmacists and psychologists. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Lahey case postponed

More evidence disclosure sought

A judge has put off the case of a Roman Catholic bishop facing child-pornography charges.

A lawyer for Raymond Lahey has asked for more disclosure of evidence on the charges of possessing and importing child pornography.

The Nova Scotia bishop was charged Sept. 25 — 10 days after he was detained and questioned by Canada Border Services Agency officers at an Ottawa airport.

Lahey, 69, stepped down as bishop of the diocese in Antigonish, and has been staying with other priests in Ottawa since he was granted bail Oct. 1.

Police say they found hundreds of files and dozens of videos on Lahey's laptop after he arrived in Ottawa on a flight from the United Kingdom, many of them showing young males engaged in sex acts.

Police warrants say some images show boys as young as eight, though none of the allegations made in the search warrants have been proven in court.



Raymond Lahey

Court documents say border officials flagged Lahey because he was a man travelling alone and his passport showed several trips to Southeast Asia, Germany, Spain and other areas known for child pornography.

The documents also say Lahey's evasive answers and shifty eyes piqued their interest.

One warrant said Lahey told Ottawa police he "had no time for child exploitation, no time for child pornography."

He is alleged to have told one officer he is attracted to young men, aged 20 or 21, and that he had never done anything abusive to a child and would "never have any sexual interest in a person under 18." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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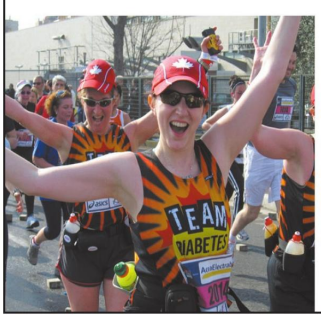
CRIME Halifax Regional Police say a man was stabbed with a knife after his house on Cedar Street in Halifax was broken into yesterday morning by a mask-wearing male. The victim was home alone at the time, police say, and his front door was unlocked. The suspect demanded money and drugs but fled the scene empty handed, police add. The suspect is described as a six-foot, 200-pound white male who was wearing all black, including the mask. METRO HALIFAX

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Municipalities holding conference

The Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities is holding its 104th annual conference at the Westin Nova Scotia in Halifax this week. The event opened yesterday and will run through Saturday. Topics include climate change, H1N1 and protecting municipal water supplies. METRO HALIFAX

Snow may be on its way

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Say it ain't snow?

Environment Canada's forecast last evening said there was a possibility of more than 10 centimetres of snow during the overnight hours tonight into early tomorrow morning.

The forecast called for rain beginning in the evening, changing to snow before midnight. High winds were also forecast with temperatures hovering around the freezing mark.

Around noontime yesterday, Environment Canada meteorologist Bob Robichaud told Metro the large low pressure system that is expected to travel south of the province should see the Halifax region get "a bit more rain than snow," eying snowfall amounts of no more than two centimetres.

However, Robichaud also said "people should keep an eye on this one" as the possibility was there for it to change, which it seems to have done now.

During the day tomorrow the forecast calls for rain and snow and a high near three degrees.



Bill blocks hospitals from releasing info

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An NDP bill would beef up privacy for injured people but could also block information from the public and media on high-profile incidents.

Legislation introduced yesterday would prevent the hospital status of a sick or injured person to be given out to anyone but family members. It could also profoundly affect how news stories are covered.

Take the recent case of Taylor Mitchell, the woman who died after being attacked by coyotes in Cape Breton.

Under the new legislation, once Mitchell was sent to hospital, officials would not be able to say whether she was in stable condition recovering, or in critical condition fighting for her life. Her death would also likely not have been revealed.

The legislation does allow for news of a patient dying to be told to "any person whom it is reasonable to inform."

However health department officials confirmed this passage was designed for groups such as police and the medical examiner, not the media or public.

Fatality information does eventually become publicly available but it could be some time before the statistics are compiled.

The exception is if the injured party or a family member speaking on their behalf directly approve officials to inform the public.

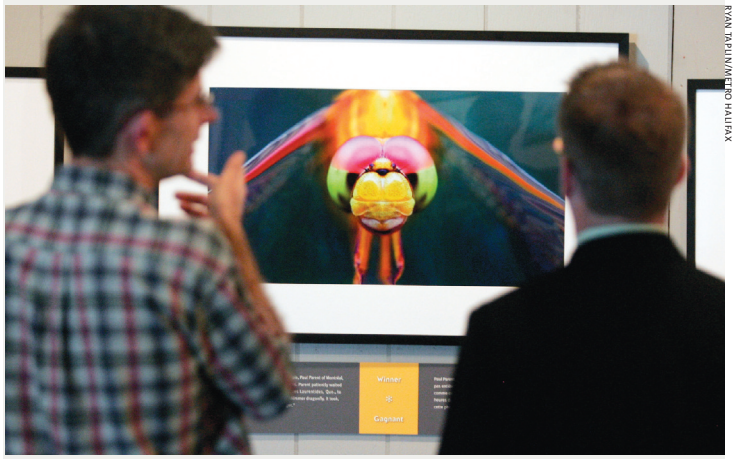
Health minister Maureen MacDonald said yesterday the bill is not an attempt to hide information but rather to increase patient privacy.

"This legislation presumes in the interest of the patient," MacDonald said.

"The information will not be released unless the patient consents, except to a family member."

She said seven other provinces have similar laws.

Exhibit **Wildlife photography**



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Gerry Lunn, curator of interpretation at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic and Jeff Gray, curator of communications and marketing for the Museum of Natural History, look at a photo of a four-spotted skimmer dragonfly by Montreal's Paul Parent yesterday. The Maritime Museum is hosting the Canadian Wildlife Photography of the Year 2008 travelling exhibition until Feb. 14.

Search of house leads to drug, weapon charges

EASTERN PASSAGE Three men are facing various weapon and drug charges after Halifax RCMP conducted a search warrant at a home on Caldwell Road in Eastern Passage late Monday afternoon.

Police say amongst the items seized during the 5 p.m. search was a Taser, a weapon not found often when warrants like this are executed, according to Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin.

Police say also seized was a switch blade, 9.5 grams of cocaine, 2.4 grams of crack cocaine, 91 pills of diazepam, 55 pills of fluoxetine, marijuana, digital scales, drug paraphernalia and cash.

Police say three adult males — aged 39, 45 and 59 — were arrested at the scene. The 39-year-old appeared in Dartmouth provincial court yesterday. The other two men will appear in court Dec. 16.

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Airport officials try to cut down on idling by drivers

ENVIRONMENT Officials at Halifax Stanfield International Airport are encouraging drivers to shut off their engines as they wait outside the terminals.

The airport launched its Idle-Free campaign yesterday in an attempt to reduce the number of people running stationary vehicles along the arrivals road and in the delivery area.

As part of the initiative, numerous signs have been installed to remind people about the environmental impact of idling their vehicles.

"It's important to do our part to reduce fuel consumption wherever possible," said Shawn Hicks, the airport's environmental systems manager.

"We are committed to decreasing the airport's environmental footprint."

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Two men charged after store robbed

Two Halifax area men are facing charges after several items were stolen from a St. Peter's store Tuesday. At about 2:50 p.m., St. Peter's RCMP say two men had stolen several items from the store. Andrew John Benn, 32, and Matthew Sean McCarthy, 29, appeared in provincial court yesterday. CAPE BRETON POST

Book honours best of the East

Co-authors Trevor Adams and Stephen Patrick Clare are on a mission to make sure you know about the best in Atlantic Canadian literature.



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Trevor Adams, left, and Stephen Patrick Clare will be launching their new book, Atlantic Canada's 100 Greatest Books, today in Halifax.

Over the last 18 months, the pair have read hundreds of books from authors in the four Atlantic provinces, and with the help of local experts, have created a new book titled Atlantic Canada's 100 Greatest Books.

"We were really touched by how much people cared about these books," Clare, a Halifax freelance writer with over 120 publications to his credit, said this week. "One old lady sent us an email telling us that we had kept her up all night because she couldn't decide what her favourite was. One guy sent in a top-60 because he refused to do a top-10 list."

The two sent out over 700 lists to regional book experts looking for each person's top-10 list. Each time a book was mentioned on someone's list it was counted as a vote, and from there, a top-100 list was decided.

One Dartmouth man submitted his self-published book from 30 different Hotmail accounts. But that couldn't match Alistair MacLeod's No Great Mischief for top spot. L.M. Montgomery's Anne of Green Gables came a close second.

The pair were bursting with trivia earlier this week as they spoke to Metro. Clare explained Montgomery is bigger in Japan than Canada. Clare also discussed the revelation of reading The Birth House by Amy McKay, amazed by her emotional complexity and what powerful female writers have emerged from the Atlantic provinces.

"We are pretty passionate about Canadian literature and want to share that," said Adams, the editor of Halifax Magazine.

"We wanted people to recognize the great things that are happening here. There is a really good representation from all four provinces. It's a book for all of Atlantic Canada to be shared with the world."

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Wanna go?

- The pair will host their official book launch today at Stayner's Wharf in Halifax from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Province picks up pace on green energy projects

POWER The Nova Scotia government is looking to speed up the province's green energy schedule.

The government has asked the provincial regulator to allow Nova Scotia Power to buy renewable energy well in advance of target dates.

That would give projects more time to be completed.

Currently, spending by Nova Scotia Power to meet targets early may not be approved by the Utility and Review Board.

The government says that as a result, NS Power is discouraged from buying green energy before government target dates in 2011, 2013 and 2015.

Energy Minister Bill Estabrooks says NS Power and its independent suppliers need an early start to meet the deadline of at least 25 per cent renewable electricity by 2015.

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Longer recovery for weak pensions

ECONOMY Private defined-benefit pension plans ravaged by the economic turmoil of the past year will now have longer to recover, the Department of Labour and Workforce Development announced yesterday.

Normally, pension plans without enough assets to provide promised benefits must be fully funded within five years. But a recent change to Nova Scotia's Pension Benefits Act will now give pension plans up to 10 years to recover.

"We recognize that pension-plan investments were hard hit by the unprecedented changes in financial markets that swept the world a year ago," said Labour and Workforce Development Minister Marylyn More in a release.

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Timeline

- The provision will apply to plans that report underfunding between Dec. 30, 2008 and Jan. 2, 2011.



Beef producers turn to feds for help

Beef producers are asking the Harper government for help, saying they face a "perfect storm." They say mounting debt, inadequate insurance, unfair trade barriers and a strong dollar handicaps their foreign market prospects. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada



Hillier to be called on torture

A special Commons committee wants to question Canada's former top military commander over the handling of Afghan prisoners. Gen. Rick Hillier is among the witnesses to be called before the committee on Afghanistan. The hearings over the next few weeks will look at what the government and senior commanders knew about the possibility of torture in Afghan jails and whether there was a cover-up. It's unclear how many of the hearings will be public. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

MEMORIAL Friends and former teammates of Ashley Neufeld have held an impromptu memorial service in her hometown of Brandon, Man. Dozens of people marked the life of the star softball player at a local ball diamond, drawing a large heart in the infield dirt and placing flowers at second base. Neufeld was one of three young women who died after the jeep they were in got submerged in a farm pond in North Dakota.

SWINE FLU Canadians have been lining up to get an H1N1 flu shot, but it may not be just themselves they have to worry about. Some pets may also be susceptible to the disease.

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Gun registry's end in sight

Commons votes in principle to kill controversial list

The national debate over gun control that many Canadians thought had been resolved a decade ago has roared back to life after the House of Commons voted in principle yesterday to end the long-gun registry.

The minority Conservative government got help from 12 New Democrats, eight Liberals and one Independent to pass a private member's bill that would kill the registry, expunge records on more than seven million firearms, and plow under a $1-billion taxpayer investment

The 164-137 vote in favour of Bill C-391 is a big victory for the Tories, who have been fighting for years to end what they call a "wasteful, inefficient" registry.

The bill now goes to a Commons committee for study — and possible amendment — setting the stage for another heated national argument over the best way to curb gun violence. Regardless of what happens next, it appears the lid has been pried off the gun box.

Conservatives say the registry is a billion-dollar waste that targets honest gun-owners while doing nothing to fight crime.

Proponents, including police and victims-rights groups, say the registry is a useful investigative tool and has led to more responsible gun ownership, reducing suicides and deadly crimes of passion.

Leader Michael Ignatieff said earlier yesterday that his Liberals, who brought in the long-run registry in response to the December 1989 massacre of 14 women at a Montreal college, still support "the principle" of gun control.

But, he added: "the issue is to find a system of gun control that works for all Canadians — that works in rural Canada, that works in urban Canada."

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MPs should wait their turn: NDP

2010 TICKETS New Democrats say MPs have no right to walk to the front of Olympic ticket queue while the rest of Canadians line up.

NDP MPs are refusing the opportunity to purchase Winter Olympic tickets set aside for sale to parliamentarians and are urging their colleagues in the House of Commons to follow suit.

"These tickets are being sought after by Canadians and I think members of Parliament shouldn't be jumping in line in front of ordinary Canadians, who would love to participate. We should get in line like anybody else," NDP Leader Jack Layton said yesterday.

"New Democrat MPs won't accept any of these tickets that are being made available and I hope that other MPs will do the same," he said, adding the 36-member caucus was to get 65 tickets for an assortment of events.

Sports Minister Gary Lunn accused the New Democrats of politicizing the Vancouver Winter Games and instead urged all MPs to get behind the athletes.

"Nobody should be politicizing these games," he said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Doer meets Obama on 'Buy American'

TRADE Canada's newest ambassador to the United States met yesterday with President Barack Obama to present his diplomatic credentials, but it wasn't all handshakes, good wishes and a handful of White House M&Ms — the thorny issue of Buy American was also on the agenda.

Gary Doer, accompanied by his wife and daughters, said the controversial U.S. trade policy was at the centre of a brief discussion with the president, despite Obama's apparent weariness of the subject.

"(Obama) seems to have heard the issue of Buy American from our prime minister over and over and over again," the former Manitoba premier said after his meeting, nibbling on the chocolate candy that's become the snack of choice both at the White House and in the Oval Office.

"But within the protocol it was useful to again mention it ... my duty is to make sure we repeat it over and over and over again until we get a reasonable agreement with the United States on it."

Doer said the president was more keen to discuss family matters rather than politics.

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Impact

- Obama has downplayed the effects of Buy American on Canadian exporters and manufacturers, referring to it on several occasions — including during Harper's visit to the Oval Office in September — as a minor kerfuffle in the Canada-U.S. trade relationship.

Ottawa **Star power**



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Astronaut Julie Payette presents Prime Minister Stephen Harper with a flag and mission emblem flown on Space Shuttle Mission STS-127 on Parliament Hill yesterday. A Canadian Space Agency (CSA) astronaut, Payette has completed two spaceflights, logging more than 25 days in space. She serves as chief astronaut for the CSA, and has served for both NASA and CSATHE.

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U.S. state to begin abortion notification for teens
Illinois is clear to start enforcing a long-debated parental notification law for teen girls seeking abortions after more than a decade of legal challenges. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World



Mag turns 30

British comic magazine Viz — renowned for its swearing, toilet humour and biting satire — is celebrating its 30th birthday with a major exhibition at London's Cartoon Museum. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tale of two protests in Iran

The contrasts were vivid: Pro-government supporters chanted "Death to America" and stomped on U.S. flags yesterday while not far away, hundreds of opposition protesters denounced Iran's leaders and appealed to America's president to choose sides.

"Obama, Obama, you are either with them, or with us," the anti-government protesters chanted in Farsi, in a video clip widely circulated on the Internet.

The new and startling appeal to U.S. President Barack Obama came as Iran's opposition protesters returned to the streets in large numbers for the first time in nearly two months.

Authorities were ready with the same sweeping measures they used to quell fierce election-fraud protests this summer and early fall: Sending paramilitary units to key locations to fire tear gas and beat people with batons.

The day — marking the 30th anniversary of the 1979 U.S. Embassy takeover — has major symbolic importance for Iran's leaders.

Thousands of people attended a pro-government rally called to mark the anniversary outside Washington's former embassy in Tehran.

In all, several thousand protesters joined the marches in various spots across the city. But those numbers were far smaller than at the height of the outrage after claims that Ahmadinejad stole the election by fraud this summer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Doctors arrested for selling babies

MEXICO Three doctors and a nurse have been arrested for allegedly selling newborns after telling mothers their babies had died at a private hospital in Mexico City, authorities said yesterday. Police uncovered the scheme after one of the women learned her baby was alive and had been sold to another woman for about $1,200, said Luis Genaro, the capital's deputy attorney general.

The woman gave birth at a hospital in 2008, Genaro said. He said she told authorities she heard her baby cry but when she asked to see the child, doctors told her she had to wait until the effects of the anesthetics wore off. Later, doctors told her the baby died and had been cremated. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Maine rejects gay marriage

U.S. Voters in the state of Maine repealed a state law that would have allowed same-sex couples to wed, dealing the gay rights movement a heartbreaking defeat in the corner of the country most supportive of gay marriage. Gay marriage has now lost in every single U.S. state — 31 in all — in which it has been put to a popular vote. Gay-rights activists had hoped to buck that trend in Maine, known for its moderate, independent-minded electorate. Five other states have legalized gay marriage — Massachusetts in 2004, followed by Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Iowa — but all did so through legislation or court rulings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia **Protests turn violent**



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Extreme Russian nationalists beat protesters who confronted them at a rally marking National Unity Day in St. Petersburg yesterday. The new holiday, marking the end of the foreign intervention in Russia in 1612, was created in 2005 to replace the traditional Nov. 7 celebration of the 1917 Bolshevik rise to power.

Railways hope to curb suicides

JAPAN Alarmed by a rise in people jumping to their deaths in front of trains, some Japanese railway operators are installing special blue lights above station platforms they hope will have a soothing effect and reduce suicides.

As of November, East Japan Railway Co. has put blue LED lights in all 29 stations on Tokyo's central train loop, used by eight million passengers each day. There's no scientific proof that the lights actually reduce suicides, and some experts are skeptical it will have any effect.

But others say blue does have a calming effect on people. "We associate the colour with the sky and the sea," Mizuki Takahashi, a therapist at the Japan Institute of Color Psychology.

"It has a calming effect on agitated people, or people obsessed with one particular thing, which in this case is committing suicide."

Suicide rates in Japan have risen this year amid economic woes, and could surpass the record 34,427 deaths in 2003. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2,000

Approximate number of suicides in Japan last year just from people jumping in front of trains.

News in brief

TEXAS A former member of a polygamist group has taken the stand in the sexual assault trial of the first group member tried since Texas authorities raided the group's ranch last year. Rebecca Musser testified yesterday that jailed leader Warren Jeffs kept detailed notes on his interactions with church members because he believed God would hold him accountable.

VIETNAM The death toll from Tropical Storm Mirinae rose to 91 in Vietnam yesterday as authorities stepped up rescue and relief operations in the country's central region. An additional 13 people were missing. Although flood waters were beginning to recede, many areas remain inundated. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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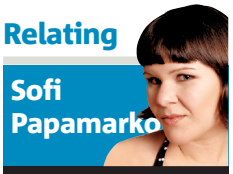
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Do funny girls have the last laugh?

Relating



Ask just about anyone what they're seeking in a potential mate and you're likely to get the same answers across the board: Nice. Smart. Cute. Funny. Employed.

But what if the person sitting next to you at the movies is REALLY funny? What if they are a veritable comic genius and every comment they whisper is pure gold and you're laughing so hard that Pepsi and Junior Mints are catapulting out of your nose?

If you're a woman, you're probably going to want to see him again. If you're a man, you're probably going to bolt after the credits.

An unfair generalization? Maybe. But owing to my observations and personal experiences, I can't help but wonder (with apologies to Carrie Bradshaw) — when it comes to dating, do funny girls finish last?

Hey, let's ask science!

"Research indicates that, when asked what traits they find attractive in a potential partner, both men and women rate a sense of humour as being very desirable," says psychology Prof. Dr. Rod Martin. "However, it appears that there is a difference in what men and women mean by a 'sense of humour.' What women mean by a sense of humour seems to be someone who will make them laugh, whereas what men mean seems to be someone who will laugh at their jokes."

Martin conducted a study where young men and women were asked to select the traits they found most attractive from an array of descriptions of members of the opposite sex. "Women were more likely to choose the one who made others laugh, whereas men were more likely to choose the one who laughed at others' jokes," he says.

"Being funny can help in the beginning, but it can be a novelty that wears off," says comic Michelle Shaughnessy (myspace.com/michelleyshaughnessy). While meeting the friends of a guy she was dating and making them all laugh, her date took her aside. "I thought he was going to tell me how great I was doing and how he was happy that his friends liked me," she says. "He informed me that when it comes to the guys, he was the funny one and I was making him uncomfortable."

But for all the men out there who find funny women a turnoff, there are some gents who appreciate a quick female wit. Such men are clearly smart enough to hold on tight when they snag themselves a funny girl.

And it's those lucky fellas who will have the last laugh.

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Views

Step in right direction for Kuwaiti women

GlobalView



Within a week in October, Kuwaiti women won two small victories that were baby steps for womankind, but a nightmare come true for Muslim fundamentalists, who for decades blocked political rights for women.

First, Kuwait's constitutional court ruled married women could obtain passports and travel without their husbands' permission. The court said the previous requirement was in violation of guarantees of freedom and gender equality in the constitution. Some countries' constitutions are much more progressive regarding women's rights than the law their parliaments pass.

Why? The second victory for Kuwaiti women explains.

The constitutional court dismissed a case raised by an Islamist voter who claimed that two of four women elected to parliament in May — Rola Dashti and Aseel al-Awadhi — cannot be members of the legislature because they don't wear headscarves. The other two female parliamentarians wear headscarves.

Headscarves have nothing to do with being a competent parliamentarian but everything to do with Muslim fundamentalist fear of women's rights.

For years, those fundamentalists stood in the way of women's political rights, making sure Kuwait's parliament remained a boy's only club. When that parliament voted in 2005 to give women the right to vote and run for office, fundamentalists added an obscure last-minute article saying women voters and candidates have to abide by the rules of Sharia, or Islamic law.

No such prerequisite exists for men.

When Islamists panic, especially over women's rights, their knee-jerk reaction is to appeal to Islamic law, which is not divine but is derived from a human interpretation of Islam's holy book, the Qur'an, as well as the teachings and examples of the Prophet Muhammad. Whose Islamic law are they talking about? They forget they don't hold the copyright to Islam or its interpretations and they forgot that for many of us Muslims, the essence of Islam is equality and justice, not a hatred of women or laws to curtail their rights.

All four women parliamentarians in Kuwait are Muslim. Two wear headscarves. Two don't. That is the way it should be — an exercise of free will based on individual conscience and not the misogyny of fundamentalists.

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Fed keeps interest rate at record low
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From bear to bull, say business leaders

Canada's business leaders are turning bullish about the economy after a year of doom and gloom, a new survey suggests.

The Conference Board of Canada's fall business confidence survey finds corporate leaders believe the recession is finally over and that the economy will rebound in the next six months.

The mood of confidence is particularly strong considering that recent indicators, particularly gross domestic product data for July and August, were disappointing.

Yet 63 per cent of business leaders surveyed said they expect the economy to improve over the next half-year, as opposed to only seven per cent who thought it will deteriorate.

Significantly, about a year ago the responses were almost exactly reversed.

The 16-point surge in the fall survey brought the confidence index to 97.8, the highest level since 2007.

The survey of about 2,000 representative firms from across the country was conducted between Sept. 14 and Oct. 22.

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Business in brief

TECHNOLOGY Consumers looking to upgrade their cellphones have a new acronym to learn: HSPA. All three of Canada's big wireless providers are buzzing about the new technology, which promises to make smartphones more fun and powerful. Bell's new network is live today, while Telus launches Thursday.

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GM Slamming on the brakes



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Workers of the Opel car plant in Bochum, Germany, enter the plant yesterday. Germany's politicians reacted with anger and workers readied walkouts after General Motors Co. reversed a plan to sell its European subsidiary.

Companies turning a healthy profit

Flu Outbreak

OUTBREAK Many Canadian companies expect the H1N1 flu to hand them staff shortages and dropping revenue, but others are looking to turn a healthy profit.

Medical equipment maker Noveko International Inc. says it's received so many orders for its face masks that it's had to turn some down, while demand for its hand sanitizer has gone through the roof.

Montreal-based AXA Assistance has launched a pandemic assistance hotline to help companies reduce the disruption in their day-to-day activities due to the flu. Meanwhile, Glaxo Smith Kline's facility in Quebec City has already produced seven million doses of H1N1 vaccine.

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Dartmouth runner headed to Japan for marathon event

Dartmouth's Denise Robson has been named to Canada's relay team for the Chiba Ekiden road race in Chiba City, Japan, on Nov. 23. Robson is one of eight runners who will compete at the mixed-gender, 42.195-kilometre marathon event. METRO HALIFAX

Sports



Cheremetiev struggles with Titan

Yuri Cheremetiev's, left, fortunes haven't changed since joining the Bathurst Titan. The 20-year-old forward, recently traded from the Halifax Mooseheads, is pointless in four games with the Titan, and hasn't hit the score-sheet in eight straight outings. METRO HALIFAX

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Gushue pumped for Brier

Gold medal winner says 'nobody does it better' than Halifax

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Curlers Brad Gushue and Russ Howard stand near the Brier Tankard at Province House during a promotional tour with the trophy yesterday. Halifax will host the Tim Hortons Brier in March.

As Brad Gushue paraded through Halifax yesterday with the Brier Tankard, he didn't touch it — not once.

The 29-year-old Newfoundlander, who gained celebrity status in 2006 when he won gold at the Turin Olympics, is still seeking his first Canadian men's curling title. With the Brier coming to Halifax in March, he's being cautious.

"I haven't won it yet so it's not my place to touch it," said Gushue, whose visit coincided with the event's launch of mini-pack ticket sales. "When I win it, I'll be all over it … It's just superstition is all it is and I don't want to jinx it."

Gushue is one of many big-name curlers who could hit the ice at the Metro Centre from March 6 to 14. But those same big-name curlers have a little thing called the Vancouver Olympics occupying their priority list at the moment.

The qualifying process for the February Games is about to heat up, with the pre-trials in Prince George, B.C., from Nov. 10 to 15, and the final trials in Edmonton from Dec. 6 to 13.

Gushue will have to knock off the likes of Kevin Martin and Glenn Howard to defend his Olympic gold. Both have ruled the Canadian curling roost for the past three years.

"It's going to be a challenge but I like our chances," Gushue said.

This would be Gushue's seventh Brier. One of his first was in 2003, the last time it came to the Metro Centre. He told Premier Darrell Dexter "nobody does it better" than Halifax before being introduced at the House of Assembly.

"It's the most memorable one I've been to," he said. "It was first class. We were treated like rock stars."

If Gushue is fortunate enough to go to the Olympics, it would likely preclude him from competing at the Brier. That fact isn't lost on him, or any of the other big-name contenders.

"We're hoping we're at the Olympics, but if not, there's no place I'd rather play a Brier than Halifax," he said.

Late-goal dooms Herd once again

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The Halifax Mooseheads let another third period slip away as their franchise-worst losing streak hit 12 games.

For the seventh time this season, the Mooseheads lost a game in which they were either tied or leading in the third period, falling 3-2 to the first-place Saint John Sea Dogs in QMJHL action at Harbour Station in Saint John, N.B.

The Mooseheads had it tied 1-1 entering the third and drew even once again at 2-2 with 6:50 left, but surrendered the winning goal to Nicholas Pard with 97 seconds remaining.

It was quite an effort for the Herd, as the Sea Dogs are the hottest team in the Q and have won nine straight.

"I'm pleased and we've had the same effort in most of our games this season," Mooseheads head coach Cam Russell. "Most of the teams we've played against would tell you, we give them all they can handle. A lot of good things are coming out of these games, but unfortunately the points aren't."

Carl Gelinas, in the second, and Gerrad Grant, in the third, scored power-play goals for the Mooseheads, while goalie Mathieu Corbeil turned aside 23 shots.

"Sometimes it's luck, sometimes it's a youthful mistake … It's a different thing every time," Russell said. "We were solid and we kept them under 30 shots. We didn't play nervous at all when we tied the game. It was just a little bad luck."

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Huskies hoping for good news regarding Jones' suspension

DSF The Saint Mary's Huskies are hoping to learn today the fate of suspended running back Devon Jones.

Jones, who led AUS in rushing this season, has served one game of a three-game suspension for allegedly punching a player in a Week 7 win over the St. Francis Xavier X-Men.

But the Huskies have appealed the suspension, which would force Jones to sit out the Loney Bowl on Nov. 14 and the Uteck Bowl on Nov. 21. Saint Mary's athletic director Steve Sarty said a hearing will be held today via teleconference.

Jones has 490 yards and six touchdowns on 74 carries. METRO HALIFAX

Sports in brief

AUS SOCCER Midfielder Teresa Morrison and defender Jeanette Huck of the Dalhousie Tigers were named Atlantic University Sport first-team women's soccer all-stars yesterday. On the men's side, Tigers striker Michael Daoust-Wheatley, midfielder Ross Hagen and defender Kerry Weymann earned first-team spots.



Teresa Morrison

AUS HOCKEY Former Halifax Mooseheads forward Bryce Swan had two goals and four assists as the St. Francis Xavier X-Men beat the Saint Mary's Huskies 7-5 last night. METRO HALIFAX



Eagles' Westbrook says he will play this week
Philadelphia Eagles running back Brian Westbrook says he will be back on the field for Sunday's game. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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New York's Hideki Matsui hits a two-run home run last night against the Philadelphia Phillies in Game 6 of the World Series at Yankee Stadium.

Yankees win 27th World Series title

Matsui earns MVP, ties single-game record

N.Y. wins Series 4-2

Phillies 3 New York 7

Paint New York in pinstripes.

Nearly a decade after their dynasty ended on a blooper in the desert, the New York Yankees are baseball's best again.

World Series MVP Hideki Matsui tied a Series record with six RBIs in one game, Andy Pettitte won on short rest and New York beat the Philadelphia Phillies 7-3 in Game 6 last night, finally seizing that elusive 27th title. It was the team's first since winning three straight from 1998-2000.

Matsui powered a quick rout of old foe Pedro Martinez — and when Mariano Rivera got the final out it was ecstasy in the Bronx for George Steinbrenner's go-for-broke bunch.

What a way for Alex Rodriguez, Derek Jeter and crew to christen their $1.5-billion US ballpark: One season, one championship.

And to think it capped a season that started in turmoil — a steroids scandal involving A-Rod, followed by hip surgery that kept him out until May.

About 160 kilometres south, disappointment.

For Chase Utley and the Phillies, it was a frustrating end to another scintillating season. Philadelphia fell two wins short of becoming the first National League team to repeat as World Series champions since the 1975-76 Cincinnati Reds.

Ryan Howard's sixth-inning homer came too late to wipe away his World Series slump, and Phillies pitchers rarely managed to slow Matsui and the Yankees' machine.

In a fitting coincidence, this championship came eight years to the day after the Yankees lost Game 7 of the 2001 World Series in Arizona on Luis Gonzalez's broken-bat single off Rivera.

New York spent billions trying to get back. At long last, it did.

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Draw puts Liverpool in danger

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE Liverpool's chances of progressing in the Champions League took a big hit yesterday when the five-time European champions conceded late to draw 1-1 at Lyon, which advanced to the next round.

Liverpool looked to have secured victory when substitute Ryan Babel scored with seven minutes left but Lisandro took advantage of a defensive error to equalize in the last minute and put the French team through.

With Arsenal moving to the verge of qualification with a 4-1 win over AZ Alkmaar, Liverpool is in severe danger of becoming the first English club to fall at the group stage since Manchester United in 2005.

Even wins in its final two games may not be enough.

In other games yesterday: Fiorentina 5 Debrecen 2; Inter Milan 2 Dynamo Kiev 1; Rubin Kazan 0 Barcelona 0; Sevilla 1 Stuttgart 1; Unirea 1 Rangers 1; Standard Liege 2 Olympiakos 0.

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Sports in brief

F1 Toyota is pulling out of Formula One racing. The world's largest automaker announced yesterday it needs to cut costs and focus on its core business. Toyota follows Honda as the second major Japanese automaker to withdraw from the sport in the last 11 months.

POLO Random drug tests will begin next year for horses in polo matches in the U.S. after the deaths of 21 elite horses in Florida that were injected with an incorrectly mixed supplement.

MLB Detroit Tigers all-star third baseman Brandon Inge has undergone surgery on both knees.

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Padilla shot in leg

Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Vicente Padilla is recovering from a bullet wound in his leg after a target shooting instructor accidentally shot him. Dr. Eduardo Reguera said Padilla, who signed with the Dodgers in August, didn't need surgery after spending time at Managua's Metropolitan Hospital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Flames' H1N1 shots lead to firing

A health employee who let the Calgary Flames jump the swine flu shot queue was sacked yesterday as the controversy over preferential treatment to celebrity athletes spread to the Flames' farm team and beyond.

"Like most Albertans, I am deeply offended that this circumstance has occurred," Ken Hughes, chairman of Alberta Health Services, said in a news release.

"(It) was a serious error in judgment."

Hughes did not release the employee's name or discuss the circumstances that led to the firing, but said "an investigation is continuing and may result in further disciplinary action."

Flu Outbreak

Alberta Health Minister Ron Liepert said the firing sends the message that favouritism will not be tolerated.

"Nobody feels good about it," said Liepert. "I'm sure if they could rewind the clock that all of them would think differently."

Ken King, the Flames' team president, declined an interview with The Canadian Press yesterday, but he told open-line radio show host Charles Adler that the pink-slipped employee "paid a huge penalty" for allowing Flames players, management and family members to get the vaccine last Friday.

King said he plans to reach out and help him or her find work.

"I don't know the name of that person, but I'm going to find out, and I'm going to speak with them, because I think that they thought they were doing a good thing for us," he said.

The Flames faced even more hot water yesterday when it was revealed the team's British Columbia-based farm team had recently vaccinated most of its players.

In New Brunswick, Dr. Eilish Cleary, the chief medical officer of health, was surprised to learn the Moncton Wildcats of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League had received their shots last week despite a national shortage of the vaccine.

"It is unfortunate to see a situation where hockey players as a member of a team might have been vaccinated before other people who were in a priority group," Cleary told a news conference.

"We're working to make sure that does not happen again."

New Brunswick health officials have said the clinics were intended for priority groups such as health-care workers, children, aboriginals and people with chronic illnesses.

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Sports in brief

RELEASED Disgraced former NBA referee Tim Donaghy was a free man yesterday after serving most of a 15-month sentence in a gambling scandal. A consultant working with Donaghy, said he was released from Hernando County Jail in Florida, where he had been held since August after officials said he violated travel restrictions while living at a halfway house in the Tampa area.

BAN The European Handball Federation has given a three-year ban to the coach of an Austrian women's handball team who ran onto the court and stopped an opposing player from scoring last week.

SHOES A fight over the shoes Michael Jordan's son will wear at the University of Central Florida has cost the school any future sponsorship with Adidas. Freshman guard Marcus Jordan wore a pair of white Air Jordans during UCF's exhibition game against Saint Leo last night, the Orlando Sentinel reported on its website. Jordan has said he will only wear his father's Nike Air Jordan shoes because they hold special meaning to his family.

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Player suspended for rest of season


Michael Liambas

FANELLI The Ontario Hockey League came down hard on Erie Otters forward Michael Liambas yesterday, suspending him for the entire season after a hit that left his opponent with serious head injuries.

Liambas was assessed a match penalty for boarding after his hit on Ben Fanelli of the Kitchener Rangers in a game last Friday.

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Details

• Homes in St. Margaret's Village start at $275,000. For more information, please visit stmargaretsvillage.ca

When you drive between the pillars at the entrance of St. Margaret's Village, you're transported back to another time.

Old-fashioned street lamps line the winding main road. Trees shield the homes and lots, providing ample privacy. Each civic number hangs from a carved wooden posts, adorned with hanging baskets of flowers or seasonal wreath.

A true "village" in every sense of the word, St. Margaret's Village is a throwback to Colonial times right here in the Halifax Regional Municipality. Located off Hammonds Plains Road on French Village Station Road, the neighbourhood is attracting owners who seek the charm of an old-fashioned neighborhood.

"St. Margaret's Village started as a dream," said Steve Whitman, a carpenter and owner of Lifetime Builders Ltd. and also the developer of St. Margaret's Village. "I wanted to create a different kind of neighborhood that looked unique as a whole. I had a vision of what I wanted to develop, and I wanted all the homes built by the same person."

Whitman — who previously built homes in prominent family-friendly areas such as Papermill Lake, Fox Hollow, Birch Bear Woods and Kingswood — knew he wanted the homes to be "New England-style," with traditional street lighting, steeper roofs and corner boards and real roof returns.

"It's a unique place to live because the surroundings are based on old country lanes," Whitman said. "The houses are tucked in on the lots, with trees for privacy, and each driveway has a cozy lantern at the entrance."



A selection of homes in St. Margaret's Village.

Whitman said the village's "quiet country atmosphere" creates a feeling of community that you don't often see these days. There are plenty of young families living in the village, with each lot ranging from one to two acres — making it perfect for backyard skating rinks and swimming pools.

While the exteriors of the houses all have a Colonial feel, homeowners work with Whitman and his team to customize the inside of their home according to their personal taste — including modern luxuries such as ceramic tile, hardwood floors and silent floor truss systems.

St. Margaret's Village is a retreat away from the city, but there's no shortage of local amenities. The area is minutes away from major grocery and hardware stores, restaurants, banks, public, private schools, beaches, and a Metro X lot.

Whitman's crew is currently building three new homes in St. Margaret's Village, and breaking ground on a fourth in early November.

Heather Clarke is a Halifax-based writer with a penchant for pretty things.





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Doing load after load of laundry can eat up an entire afternoon. Having a properly planned system can really help make this tedious household task go much faster.

"Simple changes can put minutes back into every day," says Clare Kumar, a professional organizer and consultant, and owner of Streamlife, an organizing company. "Place your often-used items close and buy products in sizes that are comfortable to use."

As laundry machines are often in a basement, Kumar suggests installing some bright lighting for spotting and treating stains, and painting the room a soothing light colour.

"It's worth making the laundry room a pleasant place to be," says Kumar. "It is a room generally only seen by family so don't be afraid to have some fun."



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Air-drying is easier on clothes and also saves energy. Create a drying rack system that combines a high rack for shirts and gull-wing racks for laying items flat. Ikea, Jabba, $5.99, and Jall, $7.99, ikea.ca.



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Leases: The final misudnerstood frontier

LegalMatters



Navigating mortgage pre-approvals, open houses, and agreements of purchase and sale can be challenging. However, the largest hurdle that a buyer may face may not have anything to do with financial ability or finding a house. For many buyers, the last obstacle that they must overcome is the lease for their apartment.

While the standard residential lease may be one of the most common contracts signed, it appears to be one of the most misunderstood. Specifically, tenants seem to be unclear on the requirements for terminating the contract. Ultimately, the ability to end a tenancy will be contingent upon the original lease terms.

Tenants must give a landlord one week notice in the case of a week-to-week lease. A month-to-month lease requires one month notice of the intention to terminate.

The notice requirements for a year-to-year lease are often misunderstood. While the tenant must give three month's notice, the notice must be presented in relation to anniversary date of the lease. Tenants can't simply give three month's notice at any time during the term. Tenants are bound for 12 months and, if proper notice is not given, the year-to-year lease will automatically renew for an additional year.

In the case of a fixed term lease, tenants may not give notice during the term. The tenant is bound until the end of the specified period at which time the leases will end automatically. Only when the fixed term expires will the tenant's obligation to the landlord be completed.

Subletting is an option for those who find a house before their lease is done. While landlords must first approve the new tenant, they may not arbitrarily deny a sublet. However, a sublet fee may apply and the original tenant may remain liable to the landlord.

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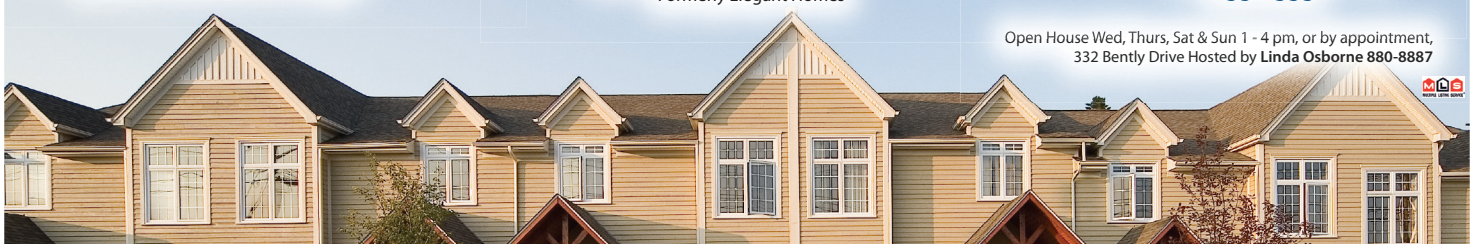
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Another hot energy-saving tip

Keep cashmere throws or other small coverlets on hand. "My husband always puts down the heat," says interior designer Janine Carendi, "so I have throws all over my apartment, because they look great and they are so warm — cashmere especially." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

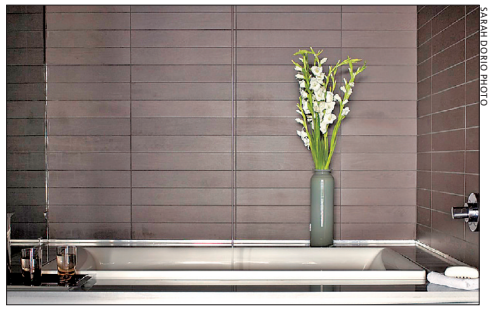
Energy-smart design

When decorating our homes, we tend to consider things like beauty and comfort, the durability of pieces we might buy or the image they project. But how many of us stop to consider our energy bills?

Energy-smart design goes beyond choosing Energy Star-rated appliances or switching to compact fluorescent bulbs, although both are good ideas. Today's experts see opportunities to conserve energy in nearly every aspect of home design.

There are "so many things that look gorgeous and totally save you money," says interior designer Brian Patrick Flynn.

Flynn and fellow designers Mallory Mathison and Janine Carendi share their energy-wise secrets below.



SARAH DORIO PHOTO

An energy-efficient bathroom decorated by Brian Patrick Flynn.

WINDOWS

Add a layer of heavy "blackout" lining to the back of draperies (DIY or hire a seamstress), Flynn says. "It makes the drapes hang better, and gives them a richer, more full look," he says. The barrier helps keep out noise pollution, as well as light in summer and cold in winter, he says.

As you do with clothing, insulate with layers: Mathison suggests layered window treatments "with a wool sheer and then an outer panel" of heavier fabric.

Check all windows for drafts, Carendi says, and plug holes, or consider replacing windows or repairing window frames. "You would be shocked how much heat you lose," she says, from windows that aren't properly sealed or insulated.

All three designers recommend UV-protectant film, made by 3M, to keep heat out in summer and protect furniture from fading (bonus: some versions also enhance security).

LIGHTING/ELECTRONICS

Swapping out bulbs is a great energy-saving first step. The earliest generations of compact fluorescent bulbs gave off a harsh light that turned off some consumers, but newer versions offer softer, more appealing light.

Next, Carendi recommends replacing old dimmers with energy-smart models (she likes Lutron).

The designers also suggest using power strips or other devices that make it simpler to switch off electronics. Eliminating energy usage from items you don't use overnight can provide real savings.

FLOORS

Add thick, warm, wool area rugs. Warm feet may help you resist cranking up the heat, says Mathison, and the sight of a plush rug can make you feel cosier. You can keep lightweight rugs for summer, but swap them out when temperatures drop: "If you have standard sea grass rugs," says Mathison, "then in winter try adding a wool or cotton flat-weave rug." She also mentions radiant-heated floors.

To warm up stairs and hallways, Flynn has a neat tip: Avoid the expense of having custom rugs made for these narrow spaces by buying a rectangular area rug and having it cut into strips measured to the correct width. Have the strips bound (most carpet stores will do it or recommend a binder in the area) and then attached end-to-end to create a single piece the right length.



SARAH DORIO PHOTO

This loft, decorated by Brian Patrick Flynn, is protected from sun fading and intense heat with a UV-resistant window treatment.

APPLIANCES

It can be wise to invest a bit more upfront for items with a good Energy Star rating. Iso, says Carendi, "train yourself to look beyond styles of appliances that you're comfortable with. Some of the European brands are highly energy-efficient, but they may not have a look that's as comfortable ... at first."

Another way to conserve: Flynn has several clients who have installed built-in coffee/espresso systems that use a predetermined amount of water. Rather than using the power and water needed to brew an entire pot of coffee each morning, they brew a single cup.

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CALVIN LOCKWOOD PHOTO

Designer Brian Patrick Flynn used blackout-lined curtains to tackle temperature control.

What to do with the omnipresent leaves

HomeScape



After you've exhausted yourself piling up multi-coloured fall leaves and leaping into them, and doing it again for your kids and the neighbour's kids, and so on, you might as well finish the job you started.

Raking leaves and gathering them for useful purposes is as old as the hills. These days, many cities pick them up to use for municipal leaf composting programs.

But you can reap the benefits directly by using your leaves as mulch or as compost in your garden — it's free and you don't have to go far to get it.

Leaf mulch is like gold if you're a gardener. It is made up of leaves that are not yet decomposed, and acts as a barrier to prevent erosion, freezing and windburn in the winter, and retain moisture and keep the soil cool in the summer.

But don't think that thick layer of leaves lying on your lawn will miraculously do the job. One big problem with leaving a layer of leaves on the grass or perennial bed, is that the layer can become impenetrable once it gets wet and matted, killing whatever is underneath.

"It's best to wait until the ground freezes to apply mulch, since applying it earlier can provide nesting materials for rodents."

So if you want mulch, shred the leaves — this way they won't matt. Do this by raking them into a pile and buzzing through them a few times with a lawnmower. Or, you may shred them in a garbage can with an electric lawn trimmer, or a chipper/shredder does the job as well.

It's best to wait until the ground freezes to apply mulch, since applying it earlier can provide nesting materials for rodents intent on building a cozy burrow. But don't wait for the deep freeze either, since frost and extreme cold can damage plants. When the time is right, pile six inches of mulch on the vegetable and flower beds, and protect sensitive plants, such as roses or rhododendrons. Arrange it in a doughnut shape around trees and shrubs to protect roots (avoid piling it against bark, as it can be damaged by wet mulch).

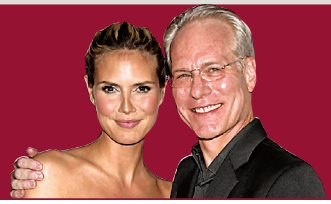
If you compost, you may use fall leaves, preferably shredded, as a component of your composting process.

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Jean joins eco-conscious footwear line

Grammy award-winning musician and humanitarian Wyclef Jean is collaborating with Timberland on a footwear collection that will launch globally and in Canada in December under ther Timberland Earthkeepers line. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Style



Wii heads to the runway

Project Runway is strutting to Nintendo's Wii. Atari Inc. is developing a video game based on the popular reality TV fashion show. The game, set for release next year, will cast players as aspiring fashion gurus tasked with creating designs and outfitting models. Gamers will then be able to showcase their virtual fashions while walking down a catwalk using the Wii balance board. Project Runway, which formerly aired on Bravo in Canada, is in its sixth season on U.S. cable's Lifetime. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Elegance rules the runway



DAN PARISH PHOTO

Angela Chen's highly anticipated Orange collection (above) — all based on black and white colours — will debut on Friday.

Vancouver Fashion Week kicks off with flowing gowns

LINA TOYODA
For Metro Canada

Vancouver Fashion Week kicked off Tuesday night, and the runway flowed with eveningwear and empress gowns as the Italian Chamber of Commerce hosted opening night at the Westin Bayshore.

Showcasing Italy's emerging designers were Il Karato's jewellery collection, Elena Vera Stella's eveningwear and Giusari White Revolution's wedding gowns and denim line.

Strapless and long-flowing gowns ruled the show, from princess silhouettes to layered chiffon and shimmering accents of silver and gold. Contrasting textures like lace and faux fur, cinched waists and jewel-encrusted bustiers were seen in the Elena Vera Stella and White Revolution collections.

"We have a number of established designers presenting this year," says Jamal Abdourahman, the producer of Vancouver Fashion Week. "International designers from emerging to established are showing this season and it will be a diverse group of designers."

Each evening will be themed and the line-up this season includes eco-friendly, contemporary, aboriginal and street wear. Tonight will feature a show with all South Asian models and Friday has a segment called Night in Taipei, with the debut of Taiwanese-born, Vancouver-raised Angela Chen's highly anticipated Orange label collection.

"For this season, my whole collection is based on black and white," says Chen. "It's my black and white group. It's a very clean-cut collection. It's all about silhouette, the flowiness of the fabric — the shape of the fabric."

"I went to the fabric store and I saw the black-and-white striped fabric and I just loved it, and I basically designed my line around it. It's just really me. The whole collection is really what I would wear."

Having spent many years in the cities of Vancouver, New York and Taiwan, Chen says all three places have an influence on her understated designs.

The show will feature 13 outfits — her first complete collection.

"My aesthetic is minimalism with a little bit of a feminine touch to it," she says.



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Left: A model wears a wedding gown by Italian designer Giuseppe Sarubbo at the inaugural event of Vancouver Fashion Week.

Paul Hardy

• Acclaimed Canadian designer Paul Hardy will be showing his spring/summer 2010 collection on Saturday, inspired by the juxtaposition of the masculine and feminine. Layered, draping and unshapely silhouettes are paired with sharply tailored garments this season. LINA TOYODA/ FOR METRO CANADA







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Lauren debuts Olympics outfits

Polo Ralph Lauren began its strategic unveiling of its outfits for athletes at the Winter Olympics in Vancouver on Wednesday. The collection includes reds, whites and blues, stars-and-stripes flags and, of course, polo ponies. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Puff daddy

Figure-flattering quilted overcoats are hot for winter

JANINE FALCON
For Metro Canada

"Hey, does this puffy coat make me look fat?" Well, not if you go for today's shaped puffers, quilted vests and coats with tapered sides and waist-nipping belts.

Figure-flattering shapes and details such as shawl collars on Canadian labels Joe Fresh and Mackage, and piping and bold buttons à la also-Canadian company Soia & Kyo forever banish unflattering comparisons to the Michelin Man.

As for colour, black's a basic and often-chic choice, but a vibrant hue makes the long drab days of winter shine a little brighter.

Down puffers will keep you warmest, and while big-city slickers might do fine with a short jacket through winter, longer cuts will keep you cozier in a deep freeze. Either way, you may still want to stock up on your thermal-underwear tights — narrow straight-leg or skinny pants look best with puffy toppers.

Now rephrase that question: "Hey, does this puffy coat make me look hot?"



Joe Fresh Down Wrap Coat, $89.



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Marks Work Wear House T-Max Vest (in Cerise), $69.99.



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McCartney for kids

CHILDREN CLOTHES It's never too early to give them a taste of designer duds. At least that's what the folks at GapKids and babyGap are counting on with the special collection designed by Stella McCartney debuting this week.

No stranger to the designer collaboration game, McCartney did a sold-out collection for H&M a few years ago. She also works with Adidas on a line that marries the elements of chic and sport.

But this collection for GapKids marks the first time the designer has turned her talents to the junior league. It features designs for boys and girls, in sizes from infants to 12 years old, with prices ranging from $32 to $128.

"It's a reflection of my brand — there are pieces that are classic and very sort of timeless and hopefully very chic and then there are pieces that are the kind you chuck in the washing machine and they get better with time," McCartney said in a news release.

Boys will relate to the graphic tees that are sold with multicoloured markers so they can colour in the designs to their liking. For girls, charming pieces include tulle tutus and ruffled smock dresses. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Stella McCartney for GapKids: Yellow mac, $48, knit hat, $34, knit sweatshirt, $58, cashmere leggings, $52, and duck boots, $68.

Martin, Baldwin Oscar hosts
Steve Martin and Alec Baldwin are taking on the Oscars. The two Hollywood veterans will share hosting duties at the 82nd Academy Awards, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences said Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Entertainment



Tweet things
Dolly Parton, left, and Jessica Simpson tweeted about large breasts. Parton: "Aahhh chiropractor... Hurts so good :-) you lug these around and see if your back don't hurt!" Simpson's reply: "Amen sister." METRO WORLD NEWS

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Underwood tugs at heartstrings

Carrie Underwood

Album: Play On
Label: Arista/Sony
Rating: ●●●½



THE AMERICAN IDOL winner's third disc boasts a stunning array of songwriters and producers with all the attention going to Mike Elizondo on opening tracks Cowboy Casanova and Max Martin on Quitter. These hits are designed to further elevate Underwood to the kind of cross-over stardom not seen in Nashville since Shania Twain. The strength of this CD is found in songs that pull at the heartstrings. The track here that shows why she is deserving of the 'most successful Idol ever' title is one that has the stamp of Gordie Sampson, the Canadian songsmith who wrote her first hit Jesus Take the Wheel. Someday When I Stop Loving You puts aside all the techno gimmicks, and serves up a magnificent vocal performance set to a melody and lyrics that cannot fail. **Graham Rockingham /for Metro Canada**

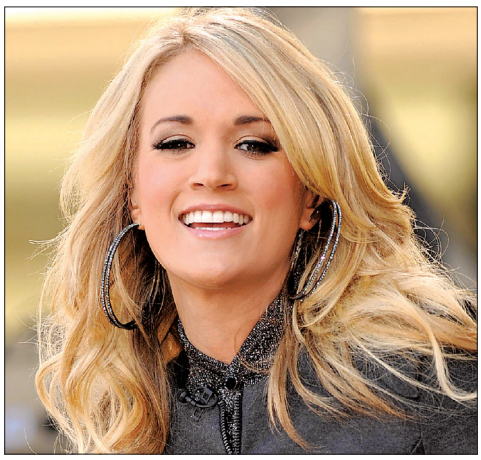
Julian Casablancas

Album: Phrazes for the Young
Label: RCA/Sony
Rating: ●●½



THE FRONTMAN FOR the Strokes chooses to adorn his debut solo album with cheesy synthesizer licks strung over fast-paced guitar strumming and his droning vocals. It's kind of fun on the first track, Out of the Blue, especially in combination with Casablanca's self-slagging, "p— on my casket" lyrics. But by the third track, 11th Dimension, it degenerates into a low-grade parody of Human League, partly likable but mostly loathsome. Halfway through the record, Casablancas takes an interesting rootsy turn with gospel-tinged redemption song called 4 Chords of the Apocalypse and the country-flavoured Ludlow St., an ode to his own drunkeness. OK, guys, you've now got it all out of your systems. It's time for another Strokes record.

Graham Rockingham /for Metro Canada



American Idol winner Carrie Underwood has a new album, Play On.

Slayer

Album: World Painted Blood
Label: Sony
Rating: ●●●



SLAYER'S BEST QUALITY isn't its speed or over-the-top of lyrics, it's that the band members have been more or less consistent purveyors of aggressive metal since they formed in 1983. Their latest will sound familiar — wildly rapid guitars, a lyrical onslaught that's filled with violent imagery — it's not much different from many past releases. But, that's why people still flock to Slayer. Fans love the murder, anarchy and anti-religion messages, they want more of the speedy drums and crunchy riffs and these days, Slayer is one of the only name metal bands playing this type of music.

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MusicReviews

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Devendra Banhart

Album: What Will We Be
Label: Warner
Rating: ●●●



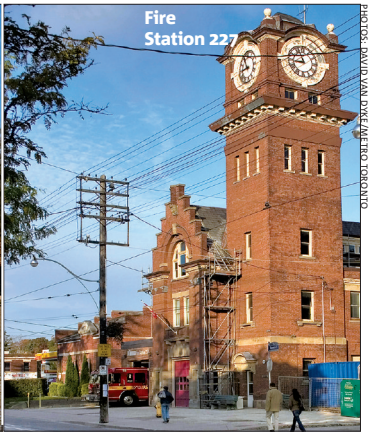
DEVENDRA BANHART, WITH his Russell Brand-like hairdo, has always been quirky and his latest — and major label debut — stays on the off-beat course. On What Will We Be the musician's created an eclectic album of soft finger-picking folk tunes (Angelika), louder indie rock (16th and Valencia), blues grooves (Baby) and even Michael Buble-like pop jazz (Chin Chin & Muck Muck). It's been recorded with a full band, but it's still as intimate as if he made this alone. It's not a masterpiece, but infectious melodies and warm sounds make it an engaging listen.

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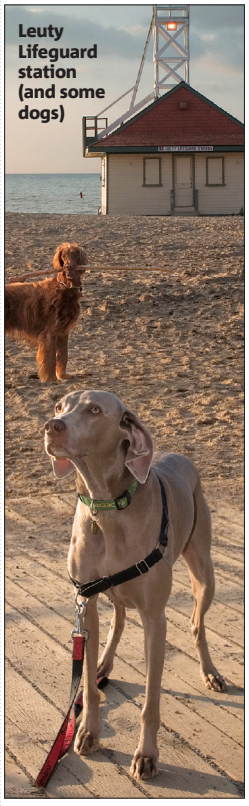
Beach politics
The Beach area is in the political riding of Beaches-East York, and is currently represented provincially by MPP Michael Prue of the New Democratic Party. Historically, the riding has sent only NDP representatives to Queen's Park since 1975. METRO NEWS SERVICES





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The town tucked into the big city


Leuty Lifeguard station (and some dogs)

The Lowdown:

- **AVERAGE REAL ESTATE VALUE:** $591,054 (City of Toronto, StatsCan)
- **AVERAGE GROSS RENT:** $1032 (City of Toronto, StatsCan)
- **GYMS:** Beaches Fitness (121 Kingston Rd.), FitnessWorks for Women (2171 Queen St. E.), Best Body Bootcamp (2075 Queen St. E.), East City YMCA (907 Kingston Rd.), Curves (1 Hannaford St.)
- **SCHOOLS:** Glen Ames Sr. PS (18 Williamson Rd.), St. Denis Catholic School (67 Balsam Ave.), Kew Beach Jr PS (101 Kippendavie Ave.)
- **SHOPPING:** IGA (2040 Queen St. E.), Organic & Natural Foods (2234 Queen St. E.), Beaches Bake Shop (900 Kingston Rd.), Green Land Produce (2190 Queen St. E.)
- **CONDOMINIUM BUILDINGS:** Modern Beach Lofts (925 Kingston Rd.), North Beach Lofts (601 Kingston Rd.), Academy Lane Lofts (1852 Queen St. E.), Greenhouse Lofts (2012 Queen St. E.)
- **TRANSIT:** Streetcars run East-West along Queen St. E., Kingston Rd. and Gerrard St. E., TTC buses run to the Woodbine, Coxwell and Main Street subway stations. RAFAEL BRUSILOW



Noteworthy

- **1.** Monarch Park Collegiate (School)
- **2.** Earl Haig Jr. PS (School)
- **3.** Bowmore Road Jr & Sr PS (School)
- **4.** Roden Jr. PS (School)
- **5.** Upper Beach Manors (condominium)
- **6.** Malvern Collegiate Inst. (School)
- **7.** Adam Beck Jr PS (School)
- **8.** Glen Stewart Park
- **9.** Glenn Gould's family home, 32 Southwood Drive
- **10.** Balmy Beach Jr. PS (School)
- **11.** Neil McNeil Catholic Secondary School
- **12.** Toronto Hunt Club
- **13.** The iconic R.C. Harris Water Treatment Plant (near Victoria Park and Queen Street East)
- **14.** Fire station 227 (1904 Queen St. E.)
- **15.** The business heart, intersection of Queen and Lee Avenues
- **16.** Toronto Public library, 2161 Queen E.
- **17.** Kew Gardens Park, 2075 Queen E.
- **18.** Leuty Lifeguard Station, bottom of Leuty Ave.
- **19.** Kew Beach (below Kew Gardens)
- **20.** The boardwalk
- **21.** Ashbridges Bay



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Kidman talks about exploring her inner freak
In the latest issue of British GQ, Nicole Kidman opens up to the magazine about the varying degrees of her sex life, The Daily Mail reports. "I've explored strange sexual fetish stuff," she reveals. PEOPLE.COM


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In this image released by Showtime, John Lithgow portrays Arthur Mitchell in a scene from the Showtime original series, Dexter.

Life as a serial killer

John Lithgow was going to pass on the chance to play serial killer vs. serial killer on Dexter, with an Italian vacation, cruise and his son's wedding awaiting him.

He made it to the ceremony but postponed the trip, and he credits his very understanding wife of 28 years, university professor Mary Yeager Lithgow, with pushing him into the plum job.

Catch the next episode of Dexter this Sunday

"She's the one who said, 'No, you've got to take the role," he recalled.

Lithgow guest stars as Arthur Mitchell, the so-called Trinity Killer whose victims come in threes and who both repels and attracts Michael C. Hall's Dexter Morgan in the Showtime drama. Mitchell fits the profile of those that forensics expert Dexter has judged deserve to die, but he's also a singular role model.

Tempted to learn how the Trinity Killer has evaded capture, Dexter begins to make mistakes as he deviates from his protective "code," leading to a plot twist in Sunday's episode, Slack Tide.

Lithgow, who has a nearly courtly manner and is deemed a sweetheart by colleagues, enjoys bringing the death-obsessed Mitchell to life.

"This man is very two-faced, like Dexter. A serial killer by definition is a man who presents himself in a very different way to the world," Lithgow said. "So it's an actor's field day figuring out what you reveal and what you don't."

It's difficult to push such a portrayal too far given the behaviour of real-life murderers, he said.

"Every one of these stories that suddenly springs up in the news, you read it and think, 'My God, how could this possibly happen? How could a human being behave this way?' — which in a way is really liberating," Lithgow said. "You can't outdo the truth."

While 3rd Rock from the Sun viewers fondly remember Lithgow as the egotistical, foolish alien leader passing as an Earthling, he's played more than his share of bad guys in movies.

The actor helpfully ticks off some of the titles, including Blow Out and Obsession for Brian De Palma, and Cliffhanger, in which Lithgow adopted a British accent and particularly chilling demeanour.

Lithgow's last TV series was the short-lived comedy 20 Good Years, about two men trying to make the most of the time left them, a venture Lithgow called "very sweet and disappointing, of course, as any failed series is."

"I had a fabulous time with (co-star) Jeffrey Tambor, one of my favourite character actors. But it was a show for middle-aged old folks in a young world, so it made us feel kind of autumnal and melancholy," he said.

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Fun with economics

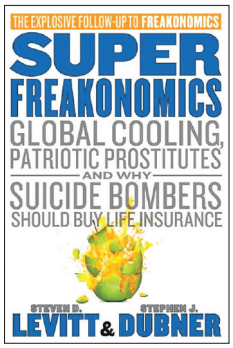
Book **Review**

NUMBERS In their 2005 book Freakonomics, economist Steven D. Levitt and journalist Stephen J. Dubner used dozens of interesting anecdotes to prove a simple point: "People respond to incentives."

The authors apparently are no exception. After the book sold more than four million copies, the pair doubtless realized how lucrative a follow-up book would be.

So they followed the same model for SuperFreakonomics: Global Cooling, Patriotic Prostitutes, and Why Suicide Bombers Should Buy Life Insurance. It works just as well the second time around.

Their strategy is simple — crunch numbers about mundane topics to reveal interesting, unexpected conclusions. That's how we get answers to questions we never thought to ask.



It turns out, for example, that prostitutes tend to make more money when they have pimps. Muslim women who observe the one-month fast of Ramadan early in their pregnancy are more likely to have children with certain cognitive disabilities. Some people who are rushed to emergency rooms might have been better off if they just stayed home.

The topics are often random and mashed together in a series of tangentially related vignettes. But the writing is deft and seamless enough to keep SuperFreakonomics entertaining. For the most part, the authors come across as folks who would make for great conversation at a cocktail party. But that changes in a later chapter when they discuss the environment.

They interview a group of scientists who propose radical solutions to extreme weather — floating pontoons to drive warm ocean water down to inhibit the formation of hurricanes, and a giant "garden hose to the sky" to pump sulphur dioxide into the stratosphere to replicate the global-cooling effect of volcanic eruptions. Here the authors seem to abandon the relative impartiality of their previous chapters.

SuperFreakonomics isn't necessarily super or freaky, but it does make economic analysis a little less dismal.

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In the play August: Osage County, Estelle Parsons plays the pill-popping matriarch to a dysfunctional Oklahoma family.

Parson shows no signs of slowing down

ACTING For all her awards and accomplishments, esteemed actress Estelle Parsons still feels like she isn't doing enough.

The 81-year-old, who won an Oscar for her supporting role in 1967's Bonnie and Clyde and is blowing away critics with her leading performance in the smash play August: Osage County, says she's "constantly being gnawed at" by her social conscience.

"I just think: 'Oh Lord, I should be doing something worthwhile, I should be in Afghanistan helping out,'" Parsons, who also played the zany mom in TV's Roseanne, said in a recent interview. "I have this social conscience that feels like I should be doing something else. The fact is, I wouldn't be good at anything else. I wouldn't be good in Afghanistan. I'd probably be freaking out at everything I had to do.

"It's a wonderful, wonderful part — endlessly truthful and exciting and theatrical, which is what I really love."
Estelle Parsons on her role in August: Osage County

"I'm just not good at other things, and I'm good at acting. But it doesn't really seem like something that a grown-up should be doing."

The stage has always been Parsons's calling, though. In her latest role, in Tracy Letts' Pulitzer- and Tony-winning August: Osage County, Parsons plays Violet Weston, the pill-popping matriarch to a dysfunctional Oklahoma family that reunites when the patriarch disappears.

"I can't imagine that I will have another gift like this in my life," Parsons said of the role. "It's a wonderful, wonderful part — endlessly truthful and exciting and theatrical, which is what I really love."

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La Toya Jackson scene added to DVD release

A scene with La Toya Jackson is being edited back into Sacha Baron Cohen's documentary Brüno when it is released on DVD on Nov. 17. The scene was removed after Michael Jackson's death. USMAGAZINE.COM

The high cost of big concerts

Secondary ticket market offers fans the best seats for top dollar

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

You don't want to get on The Boss' bad side.

Ticketmaster had to learn that the hard way when, last February, it was widely reported that the ticket seller sent fans seeking regular priced tickets to Bruce Springsteen concerts to the website TicketsNow.com, where entry to the show costs up to hundreds of dollars more than face value.

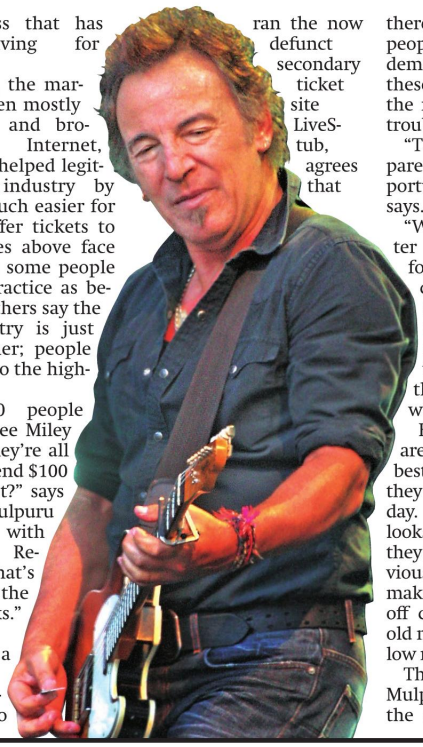
Ticketmaster, which owns TicketsNow, said it was an accident, a computer glitch directed fans to its secondary ticket site, but the damage was done. Springsteen was angry: "They did this even when other seats remained available at face value. We condemn this practice," he said in a statement.

Not only did this debacle hurt Ticketmaster's reputation, but it left a black mark on the secondary ticket market — a $2 billion business that has been thriving for decades.

Until now, the market was driven mostly by scalpers and brokers. The Internet, though, has helped legitimize the industry by making it much easier for people to offer tickets to fans at prices above face value. While some people decry this practice as being unfair, others say the ticket industry is just like any other; people want to sell to the highest bidder.

"If 50,000 people want to go see Miley Cyrus and they're all willing to spend $100 then why not?" says Sucharita Mulpuru an analyst with Forrester Research. "That's the way the world works."

Michael Hersfield, a Toronto-based entrepreneur who ran the now defunct secondary ticket site LiveStub, agrees that there's nothing wrong with people paying more for in-demand tickets. It's how these tickets wind up on the market, however, that troubles him.



"The market isn't transparent, so there's more opportunity for abuse," he says.

"Why would Ticketmaster sell their best tickets for face value? They could get $1,000 for a $100 ticket. So they split the pie with everyone who's part of the bottom line, that's the backdrop of this whole story."

Hershfield says artists are also holding back the best seats for resale, so they can have a bigger payday. And, despite how it looks, it's hard to argue that they're doing something devious. These days artists make most of their income off concert tickets, so the old model of keeping prices low may be out of date.

That's at least what Mulpuru thinks. She says the secondary ticket market is on its last legs — tickets will soon become more expensive from the get go.

> **"The market isn't transparent, so there's more opportunity for abuse."**
> Michael Hersfield

"You'll start seeing pricing that converges more to market value, so there will be less of an opportunity to resell those tickets," she says.

Hershfield also thinks the market is on its way out, but he says pricing will become more dynamic. Much like in the airline industry, ticket price will increase as less inventory is available.

For now though, if you want to see a show badly enough be prepared to cough up some serious cash. Or follow this simple principal: "Buy tickets early and they will be cheaper," says Hershfield. "Don't wait until it's sold out."

Peas case held over until Nov. 17

COURTS The assault case involving the manager of the Black Eyed Peas and celebrity blogger Perez Hilton has been put over until Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Liborio (Polo) Molina faces an assault charge for allegedly striking Hilton outside a Toronto nightclub on June 22.

Molina didn't appear in court yesterday as the case was adjourned.

Molina allegedly punched Hilton — whose real name is Mario Lavandeira — following a heated argument between the blogger and Black Eyed Peas leader will.i.am at a party after the MuchMusic Video Awards.

In the ensuing days, Hilton and will.i.am insulted each other in videos online and Hilton also filed a civil lawsuit against Molina.

The celebrity blogger sued for alleged battery and intentional infliction of emotional distress and is seeking more than $25,000 US.

The allegations have not been proven in court.

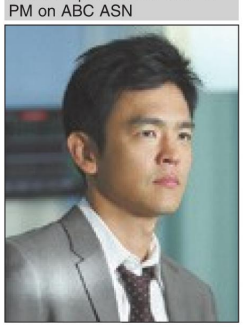
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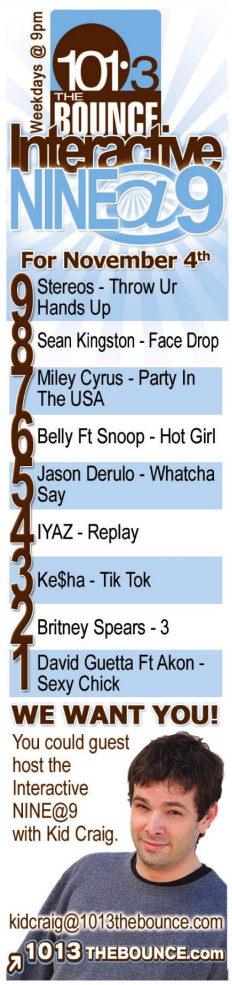
FlashForward

Alex Kingston ("ER") guest stars as Fiona Banks, a British intelligence agent who teams up with Mark, Demetri and Gough (Joseph Fiennes, John Cho, Lee Thompson Young) to investigate a Blue Hand club that may be connected to some recent suicides. Demetri admits to Zoey (Gabrielle Union) that he hasn't had a flash-forward, while Bryce (Zachary Knighton) gets help from Nicole (Peyton List) in figuring out his own in the new episode "The Gift." 9 PM on ABC ASN



Parks and Recreation

Karen Walker, so good to see you back on a Thursday night! Megan Mullally ("Will & Grace") guest stars in this new episode as Ron's (Nick Offerman) ex-wife, Tammy, who runs the library. Leslie (Amy Poehler) is distressed to find out Tammy's department is trying to take over her lot, and the powerful hold Tammy still has over her ex is further complicating the matter. Incidentally, Offerman and Mullally are married in real life. 9:30 PM on NBC





Mr. America
Here comes Mario Lopez as the Miss America pageant host. The 36-year-old Extra host and former Dancing with the Stars contestant will again serve as master of ceremonies for the Jan. 30 live ceremony in Las Vegas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Celebrity Buzz

Lindsay's baffled by Gerard rumour

WELL, HE'S PROBABLY NOT SO HAPPY ABOUT IT EITHER Lindsay Lohan is baffled by reports she is romancing Scottish actor Gerard Butler, insisting the persistent rumours about her love life are all "lies," reports femalefirst.co.uk

The Mean Girls star is alleged to have enjoyed a number of flings since splitting from DJ girlfriend Samantha Ronson earlier this year.

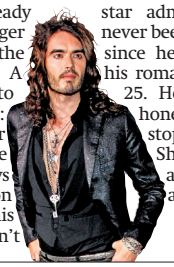


The latest tabloid claims link Lohan to The Ugly Truth star Butler after they were allegedly spotted kissing at the grand opening of a luxury beach resort in Morocco on Sunday. But she insists she wouldn't have the time to keep up with all her suitors if the rumours were true and admits the inaccurate media reports constantly keep her smiling. In a Twitter post, she wrote "One minute I'm dumped, the next I'm dating a model, now Gerard? WHO HAS THE TIME! Such lies — it keeps me laughing."

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Russell's head over heels

WHAT'S IT BEEN, TWO MONTHS? Russell Brand is set to propose to Katy Perry, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The British comedian — who has been linked to a string of beauties in the past and is known for his womanizing ways — has amazed friends with his new attitude to romance and pals are convinced he is getting ready to ask the singer to marry him, the website says. A source close to Russell said: "We've never seen him like this. He always has a woman on his arm, or in his bed, and hasn't been interested in monogamy. "But this is different — we all think it won't be long before he marries Katy. I'm waiting for a call to say they are in that Little Chapel in Vegas and have run off to get married." Former Oasis rocker Noel Gallagher added: "He's a changed man, Russell." The 34-year-old star admitted he has never been happier than since he embarked on his romance with Katy, 25. He said: "To be honest I haven't stopped smiling. She's a lovely girl and it's going really, really well"



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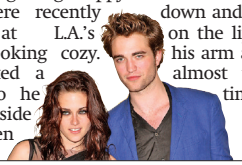
Carrie gives Mike a shout-out

I WANT THE WORLD TO KNOW... I'M A PUCK BUNNY Carrie Underwood's given her hockey-player boyfriend Mike Fisher a shout-out on the liner notes of her new CD, Play On, people.com reports. "Thank you #12," she writes in the notes, referring to the Ottawa Senator player's jersey number. "You are the most amazing addition to my life! You are such a wonderful person and have had such an amazing hand in the building of this album and in the growth of me as a person. I love you so much! You make my life better in every way! I thank God for you every day... xoxo, Carrie." METRO WORLD NEWS



Rob, Kristen seen making out

SHOCKING BUT POSSIBLY TRUE Twilight co-stars Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart may be trying to conceal any possible relationship, but they're getting sloppy. The two were recently spotted at L.A.'s Chateau looking cozy. "Rob wanted a cigarette so he went outside with Kristen for about 15 minutes," the source tells Us Weekly. "They were hugging as Rob was smoking his cigarette, and then he leaned down and kissed her on the lips. He had his arm around her almost the whole time." METRO WORLD NEWS





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Chris quashes kissing Kate story

GWYNETH COULD SO TAKE HER OUT Chris Martin's rep is denying a new Star tabloid story that claims the Coldplay rocker, 32, recently kissed 26-year-old actress Kate Bosworth, usmagazine.com reports. Star quotes an unnamed as saying that Martin was "totally making out with Kate in front of other people" at an unnamed event.



But Martins rep tells usmagazine.com: "This story is entirely untrue." Martin and his wife of six years, Gwyneth Paltrow, are "more than fine," a source tells Us.

The source says the alleged Martin-Bosworth make-out "simply never happened. She may have been in the same room with him, but he is not having an affair, was not kissing her or holding her hand."

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Brad shops for a bike in Japan

GOOD LUCK FITTING THAT IN A CARRY-ON Brad Pitt is using his trip to Japan for the Tokyo premiere of Inglourious Basterds to shop for a new motorcycle. "I had a little mishap. No injuries, except my ego," Pitt said about an incident in L.A. last month, according to PopCrunch. "I was trying to get away from some paparazzi and instead gave them a good story. It was my favorite bike, so that is really sad. I will definitely be looking at motorcycles. You've got some of the best builders right here."



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Harry Potter gets naked in new film

HOT TIMES AT HOGWARTS Daniel Radcliffe apparently had such a good time going nude on stage in Equus that he's willing to strip again — for one of the last Harry Potter films. "Daniel Radcliffe appears naked in one scene where Harry and Ron are fighting a magical creature," director David Yates admits to Italian magazine Sorrisi e Canzoni. "We see Harry and a woman embracing and kissing. It's an intriguing scene and very sensual."



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Joel makes life hard for Sparrow

JUST DON'T BE SURPRISED WHEN HE STOPS TALKING TO YOU Joel Madden admits that he and Nicole Richie had an ulterior motive in naming their new son Sparrow: to make his life difficult. "My worry raising a son in Hollywood is, what will he have to struggle for?" Madden tells Britain's OK! Magazine. "I wanted to give him a name that he's going to have to stand up for."



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Celebrity tweets



Paris Hilton apparently doesn't remember fighting with her boyfriend on Halloween, Stephen Fry has to pretend, Lisa Loeb shares one of her favourite recipes, and Sarah Brown isn't satisfied with just reading tweets.

@ParisHilton
I had the best Halloween ever! What did everyone do on Halloween?

• @stephenfry
Appearing on "Good Morning LA" this morning so practising being perky. Car arrives to take me to the studio in 20 minutes.

• @lisaloeb4real
crushed ice w/real pineapple/coconut juice w/a huge dollop of greek yogurt on top. Eat with a spoon. Refreshing. like ice cream for bkfast

• @SarahBrown10
Much as I love Twitter, I agree with Phll Hogan that it is no substitute for a real book

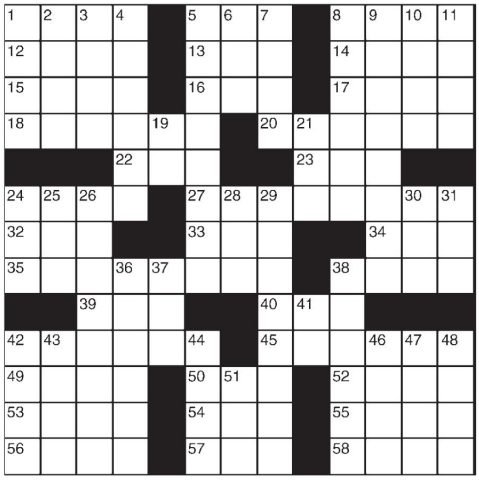


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1				4		6	9	7
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		5		6	9	8		
5				7	3	1		
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		2	5	1		9		
9			4					
4	3	8		9				1

ACROSS

1 Apiece
5 Gasoline ratio (Abbr.)
8 Old card game
12 Parisian pop
13 Debtor's letters
14 Narc's measure
15 Persia, now
16 Up to, for short
17 Couple, to TMZ
18 Café royale ingredient
20 Spoofs on stage
22 Blond shade
23 "Howzat again?"
24 Scrooge's cries
27 Puts on a jury (Var.)
32 Inventor Whitney
33 Half of CIV
34 "To be or — ..."
35 Pigs out
38 Catch sight of
39 Young lion
40 Web-site address end
42 Religious retreat
45 Semitic tongue
49 Taylor or Tyler
50 Doctrine
52 Emanation
53 Queue
54 Actress Thompson
55 Peel
56 Succumbs to gravity
57 Lair
58 Low joint?

DOWN

1 Grand tale
2 Aviation-related
3 Rock climber's handhold
4 Reddish-brown dyes
5 Gone With the Wind author
6 Luau bowlful
7 Wide gap
8 Slalomer's slope
9 "Top Chef" settings
10 Sheltered
11 — River, N.J.
19 For example
21 "Eureka!"
24 Spell-down
25 Carte lead-in
26 Seeking a ride
28 "O Sole —"
29 Billy Mays, notably
30 Prune
31 Pigpen
36 Quick voltage increases
37 "The — Daba Honeymoon"
38 Set sail
41 "Aloha —"
42 Puncturing tools
43 Actor LaBeouf
44 Not very spicy
46 Destruction
47 Sea flier
48 Test the waters
51 Bishopric

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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2	3	6	4	8	9	7	1	5
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6	5	3	8	2	1	4	7	9
9	4	1	5	3	7	8	2	6

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Hearty Sausage & Pepper Sauté

Submitted by Karen Green, Toronto

INGREDIENTS:

1 medium onion, sliced
4 mild Italian sausages (substitute spicy chicken or vegetarian sausages if desired)
1 tbsp olive oil
3 red, orange and/or yellow peppers, washed, seeded and cut into 1/2-inch slices
4 large white mushrooms, cut into 1/8-inch slices
salt and pepper

METHOD:

1. Heat olive oil in a large pan over medium heat. Cook sausages, remove from pan and slice into into 1/2-inch rounds.
2. Place rounds back in pan, add peppers and sauté for an additional 3 minutes, tossing to coat.
3. Add onion and mushrooms. Season the mixture with salt and pepper.
4. Sauté ingredients until onions are transparent and peppers retain a bit of crunchiness.
5. To serve, heap generously onto a bun for an open-faced sandwich, or atop cooked rice. Just as delicious the next day!

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
It does not matter whether or not others believe in what you are doing — the only thing that matters is that you believe it, and you do.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Be careful who you confide in today: If you reveal a secret to the wrong person it won't be a secret for long. Keep it to yourself for the time being.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You're not sure what you are planning is such a good idea after all. But that's likely just a passing doubt that will disappear once you get started.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You'll likely have a falling out today with someone who doesn't share your aims and ambitions. But it's probably just as well.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Keep your eyes fixed on the bigger picture today and don't allow yourself to be distracted by events that won't take you closer to your ultimate goal.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
No matter how much you explain to certain people what it is you expect of them, they just don't seem to get it. Maybe you should stop trying so hard.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Someone you live or work with is harbouring a grudge and if you say the wrong thing they won't hesitate to use it against you. So think before you speak.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
If you take what someone tells you at face value you will be missing half the story, and the other half is more interesting by far.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
It might be wise to weigh your words in the balance, especially on the work front where not everyone shares your respect for the truth.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You won't feel quite so pressured tomorrow and over the weekend, but today, alas, you will have to dance to someone else's tune.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Others may say you've been lucky, but maybe you should point out to them that if they had worked as hard as you they might have been lucky too.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Don't worry too much if you haven't started a project you've been thinking about for ages. The longer you leave it the more likely it is to be a success.

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